

A SAFE PLACE

A Safe Place is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500 for 2014 to continue our free direct services, counseling, emergency shelter services, as well as our community educational outreach and help with defraying the rising costs associated with the increased need to provide services users (clients) with basic emergency needs. Over the years, many Newton residents have called and knocked on the doors of A Safe Place for information, referral and emergency assistance.

From July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, A Safe Place served 10 people from Newton with 14 dependent children, and provided 482 units of service (each unit of service represents 15 minutes of time). In addition, we sheltered one resident for 173 bed-nights. This equates to \$31,760 worth of free services to Newton residents. We also provide educational presentation's to students in both middle and high school in order to help youth learn to develop healthy teen relationships.

All the services provided at all sites of A Safe Place are free and confidential.

A Safe Place has been providing Free and Confidential Domestic Violence Support Services for over 30 years. The Portsmouth, Rochester, Salem and Shelter sites of *A Safe Place* provide 365 days a year, 24-hour Emergency Shelter and Hotline Services, as well as a range of support services to victims of domestic abuse in the 48 cities and towns of Rockingham and Strafford Counties. We do not receive any 3rd party payments for our services.

As advocates, we work with our service users to prepare a safety plan and refer them if needed, to our undisclosed 24-hour emergency shelter. We also assist our service users in obtaining both Temporary and Permanent Restraining Orders and accompany them to courts and police stations to do so. We provide 1 on 1, in-person and 24 hour telephone crisis counseling as well as on-going support groups. All sites assist our service users with access to legal and social services and transportation and / or accompaniment to related appointments and emergency rooms, if needed. Each site has the ability to give direct financial assistance to victims in the form of modest gift certificates from grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, department stores. For victim's safety, we pay locksmith costs associated with changing locks. In addition, we provide clothing and toiletries; household items and other everyday necessities.

Our advocates understand both the emotional and physical toll it takes on the victim, their families, as well as the community. It is critical that we maintain the ability to respond via direct services to the residents of Newton that seek both our emergency and long term services. Our presence has been critical over the years in serving populations that face abuse no matter what their age, economic status, or gender.

We wish to continue to offer refuge, support and other services to the residents of Newton, especially during these hard economic times when there is a rise in Domestic Violence. We hope you will continue to join us in breaking the cycle of violence. (Telephone: 800-854-3552)

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Coombs
Finance Manager

AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES, INC.

Area HomeCare & Family Services has been providing home care services to low-income Newton elderly and people with disabilities since 1972. We are requesting continued level funding of \$3,800 for 2014.

In our fiscal year 2013, we provided in-home care services to 9 medically fragile elderly Newton residents. We have enjoyed our partnership with the Town of Newton for many years and have employees that reside in the Town of Newton.

At Area HomeCare & Family Services, Inc. our mission statement defines our purpose – **to provide non-medical home care services to the elderly and adults with disabilities, so they may remain in their homes for as long as possible.** Services include grocery shopping, light housekeeping, laundry and other errands, to name just a few.

You can learn more about our services at www.areahomecare.org.

We look forward to a continued partnership with Newton. If you need additional information or have any questions, please call. We will have some of our brochures in your Town offices.
(Telephone: 603-436-9059 ext. 1)

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Taylor
Executive Director

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY (CACRC)

The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County (CACRC) provides a safe environment for the evaluation of alleged physical and sexual abuse for children 3 to 18 years of age. We coordinate public, private and community partners to ensure that the safety, health and well-being of abused children come first. Since opening our doors in January of 2000, we have provided professional services to over 4,300+ children and their families at no cost to them or taxpayers. How much a society values its children can be measured by how well they are treated and protected.

- Newton Statistics: Number of Newton children served by the CACRC in 2012 and 2013 = 10
- Billing for Newton residents to insurance, Medicare or individuals = None
- Savings to the Town of Newton for 2012 and 2013 to date is \$15,000
- According to NCA cost benefit analysis, savings to Rockingham County since opening our doors is over \$6.45 million to date.

It's our nature to take care of children, and helping protect them from abuse has become a critical service of our time. We are requesting continued level funding of \$2,000 for 2014. Thank you for your continued support. (Telephone: 603-442-8240)

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Sullivan, MBA
Executive Director